

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-11 contain allowable subject matter.

The Abstract is objected to based on formalities regarding the use of proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. Applicant has amended the Abstract to conform with the formalities. The Title is objected to based on a formality. In particular, the Title was indicated to contain a typo. Applicant has amended the Title to correct the typo and to conform to the as-filed application.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 12 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. It is submitted that claim 12 now is in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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